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**Agricultural Summary:** Warm, dry conditions were prevalent across much of Colorado last week. These conditions were optimal for harvest activities, which showed large gains from the previous week. As hard freezes occurred, standing crops in several localities throughout the southeastern district were dried to an ideal moisture content in preparation for harvesting. Precipitation was generally concentrated to localities along the Western Slope. Statewide, farmers were allowed 6.9 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	34	57	2
Last Week	6	33	59	2
Last Year	4	34	62	0

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	32	52	1
Last Week	15	31	53	1
Last Year	13	36	51	0

**Row Crops:** Sixty-one percent of the corn crop has been harvested, behind 77 percent last year and 72 percent on average. Dry bean harvest activities were virtually complete by week's end. The Colorado sorghum crop was virtually all mature while 41 percent was harvested. This is behind 56 percent harvested last year and 53 percent on average. The sugarbeet harvest was 86 percent complete, up from 68 percent a week earlier. Sunflowers were 40 percent harvested, behind 69 percent last year and the average of 65 percent.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 2, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	7	45	40	8
Last Year	0	5	31	53	11
Corn					
This Week	1	5	25	53	16
Last Year	11	13	31	38	7

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 65 percent fair to good across the State. On average, 60 percent is fair to good. The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 93 percent complete, up from 89 percent a week earlier. On average, the fourth cutting is 86 percent complete.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 2, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	6	21	27	38	8
Prev. Year - 2013	11	20	35	34	0
5-Year Avg.	18	20	32	28	2

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep remained mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated the same as the previous week at 2 percent very short, 6 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 17 percent surplus.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 2, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	93	89	92	86
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	61	44	77	72
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	95	89	97	98
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	96	84	100	98
Harvested	41	25	56	53
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	86	68	87	87
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	40	27	69	65

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	2	21	65	12
<b>Sorghum</b>	0	18	53	28	1
<b>Sunflowers</b>	1	18	33	40	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.